




Tracking Number : EPA-R8-2015-009766

Submitted Date : 08/11/2015

 Requester : AnneClaire Stapleton

Perfected Date : 08/11/2015

Organization : CNN

Last Assigned Date : 08/11/2015

Requester Has Account : Yes

Fee Limit : \$300.00

Email Address :

Request Track : Complex

NationaldeskFOIA@CNN.com

Due Date : 09/09/2015

Phone Number : 404-827-1511

Assigned To : Enforcement, Compliance  
and Environmental Justice

Fax Number : N/A

Last Assigned By : Alan Engels (Region 8)

Address : 1 cnn center

City : atlanta

State/Province : GA

Zip Code/Postal Code : 30303

Submission Details

Case File

Admin Cost

Assigned Tasks

Comments (0)

Review


## Request Handling

Requester Info Available to  
the Public : ☒ Yes

Request Perfected : Yes

Request Track : ☒ Complex

Perfected Date : 08/11/2015

Fee Category : ☒ Media/EducationalAcknowledgement Sent Date: 

Fee Waiver Requested: No

Unusual Circumstances ? : No

Fee Waiver Status: N/A

5 Day Notifications: ☐Litigation : ☒ No

Expedited Processing Yes

Requested :

Expedited Processing Status : Pending Decision

## Request Description

Short Description :

Re: FOIA Request

Dear EPA DC Office and Regions 6, 8 and 9 FOIA Officers,

On August 5, 2015, workers employed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) triggered a breach at the Gold King Mine outside Silverton in San Juan County.

Pursuant to the Federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552 (the "Act"), Cable News Network, Inc. ("CNN") requests access to and copies of all records relating to communications from the EPA ground team (the EPA employees and/or contractors who triggered a breach at Gold King Mine outside Silverton in San Juan County) to regional EPA offices and EPA headquarters in the hours and 10 days following the spill on August 5, 2015, specifically including, but not limited to email, internal communications, text messages, etc.

CNN agrees to pay reasonable duplication fees for the processing of this request in an amount not to exceed \$300. Please notify me prior to your incurring any expenses in excess of that amount.

If CNN's request is denied in whole or part, we ask that you justify all deletions by reference to the specific exemptions of the Act. CNN will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. CNN reserves the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information.

If you have questions regarding this request, please contact me as soon as possible by email NatDeskFOIA@CNN.com and phone 404-827-1511.

As I have made this request in the capacity as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your expediting the consideration of this request in every way possible. In any event, I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the Act requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

AnneClaire Stapleton

CNN News Editor

Newsroom: 404-827-1511

FOIA Correspondence: NationalDeskFOIA@CNN.com

Twitter: @AnneClaireCNN

cc:

Drew Shenkman, Counsel, CNN

Johnita P. Due, Assistant General Counsel, CNN

Description Available to the Public : ☒ Yes

Has Description Been Modified? ☐

### Attached Supporting Files

Attachments Available to the Public : ☒ No

| Attached File   | Type           | Size (MB) | Remove                   |
|---|----------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| <i>EPA FOIA Request- Employee Communications After Spill.docx</i> | Microsoft Word | 0.01      | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Upload Supporting Files

No attachments have been added.